

BLACKOUTS LEAGUE

1. League

- This league will be referred to as Blackouts.
- This league will consist of **20** teams (including any teams) as a mixed adult league.
- These rules are for the Fall 2022-2023 bowling season.

2. Schedule

- League will start on **08/25/2022** and continue for **32** weeks and end on **04/13/2023**
- Practice will start at **6:05pm** and bowling will start at **6:15pm**.
- Dates not bowling: **Nov. 24th and Dec. 29** We will Finish on April 13 and Roll-off and Payout on April 20
- A copy of the league schedule can be obtained on HUSBC's website (<http://husbc.com/index.php/league>).

3. Management

Management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the league officers and team captains. League officers cannot be team captains. League officials can also be contacted via email at BlackoutsLeague@gmail.com.

League Official	Name	Phone Number
President	Robert Maksimowski	256-508-4100
Vice-President	Lori Stinnett	256-653-1114
Secretary / Treasurer	Floyd Moore	256-468-5730

4. League Fees

- The amount to be paid by each bowler, each week shall be **\$18.00**, broken down as follows:

Lineage	\$11.50
Secretary / Treasurer	\$0.50 / \$0.50
Prize Fund	\$5.50

- Checks written for payment of league fees shall be payable to Blackouts.
- Each team shall have money envelopes turned into the Treasurer by the end of the first game.
- The league fees for the last two weeks of the schedule shall be paid by **WEEK 6**
If these fees are not paid on time, the bowler cannot bowl or scores will not count until fees are caught up, there will be no exceptions.
- A bowler is responsible for weekly league fees even if they are absent or the team pre-bowls/post-bowls.
- No individual will be allowed to be in arrears more than 2 weeks in payment of fees, after this time, the individual will not be allowed to bowl and an absentee score will be used until all monies are paid in full.

5. League Funds

An account shall be opened in the name of this league at **Redstone Federal Credit Union** in which league funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the signatures of the President and Treasurer. The President shall audit the league account at least once a month.

6. Sanctions

- The league will be sanctioned with United States Bowling Congress-Huntsville (HUSBC):
- Sanction fees must be paid by all bowlers prior to bowling the first time or be able to provide proof they paid through another league.
- Checks written for payment of sanction fees shall be payable to HUSBC.
- Sanction fees for men and women are \$23.00, broken down as follows:

Local Dues	\$8.00
State Dues	\$2.00
National Dues	\$15.00
Total	\$25.00

7. TNBA: Sanction is Available for \$21.00 each See Secretary for Application

8. Prizes

- *The Treasurer will present at least 2 options for the proposed prize list within 6 weeks after the start of the season.*
- *Each team will vote and the majority vote will become the final prize list.*
- *The results will be noted on the next week's standing sheet following the vote.*
- *To qualify for individual awards (if applicable) a bowler must have bowled 12 games.*

9. Averages

A book Average will be used for 9 games. If no book average, then 3 games must be bowled to establish an individual average for 1st night only. Average calculations shall not be rounded up.

10. Handicaps

Handicap will be based on 90% of the difference between bowler's average and a scratch figure of 230. For assistance calculating a handicap, a handicap chart can be obtained from the Secretary.

11. Team Rosters

- *Team Captains shall turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary prior to the start of the league schedule.*
- *Team rosters will be limited to 6 bowlers and can consist of a mixture of men and women or can be all men or all women.*
- ***Team members must have 6 weeks or 18 games bowled to be able to bowl in the Position Round.***
- *New bowlers cannot be added to the team roster in the final 2 weeks of the league schedule without approval from the Board of Directors.*
- *A bowler withdrawing from the league must give a written 2 week notice to the Team Captain and league Secretary. The bowler is responsible for league fees for those 2 weeks.*

12. Substitutes

- *Substitutes will be allowed in this league.*
- *Men may sub for women and women may sub for men.*
- ***Substitutes cannot be used the last 2 weeks before any Position Round***
- *Substitutes added to a team must have a league vote to leave the team.*
- *Substitutes must have a league vote to join a team within the last 4 weeks.*

13. Legal Line-Up

A minimum legal line-up includes at least 1 bowlers from a team's roster and they must be present at the start of each game.

14. TARDY BOWLERS

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed. The 3 frames missed may be made up.

15. FORFEITURES

- *When a game is declared forfeited, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested.*
- *When a team fails to have a minimum line-up, the opposing team members must bowl within 10 pins of their current average in order to win points.*
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16. Absentee and Vacancy Score

- *Teams without a bowler shall use a 120 vacancy score with a 99 pin handicap.*
- *Absentee scores shall be 10 pins less the bowler's average plus their handicap.*
- *Each absentee score shall be circled on the Bowling League Record (a.k.a. recap sheet).*
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17. Pre-bowled or Post-bowled Games

- All pre-bowled and post-bowled games must be approved by the league Secretary, except those caused by emergencies. The Secretary and the bowling center must be notified of emergencies, as soon as possible.
- **The opposing team must ask the opposing team if they want to join them when they bowl.**
- A team that does not obtain league Secretary approval is subject to forfeiture of those games.
- **Pre Bowled or Post Bowl Games must be made up within 7 Days**
- Only a team can pre-bowl or post-bowl. Approved substitutes can be used for absent bowlers if the minimum legal line-up is met.
- Team captains must promptly notify the league Secretary of the desired pre-bowl or post-bowl date/time so the Secretary can make arrangements with the bowling center.

18. Inclement Weather

- It is at the league's President and Secretary's discretion to cancel or reschedule a bowling week due to inclement weather.
- The league Vice-President will be consulted if the league President is unavailable.
- All team captains will be notified of these decisions. Team captains are responsible for notifying each bowler on their team.

19. Points Per Week

- A winning team earns 1 point for each game.
- A team earns 2 points for highest overall pin count (including handicap).
- A maximum of 5 points can be earned per week.

20. Team Captains

- **Team Captains are responsible for signing the Bowling League Record (a.k.a. recap sheet) and ensuring that all entries are complete and accurate prior to turning it in to the Secretary.**
- **Team Captains are responsible for turning in money envelopes to the Treasurer by the end of the first game.**
- **Team Captains are responsible for obtaining contact information for each bowler on their team and notifying/consulting them of any league changes or votes.**

21. Face Masks

As a preventive measure during the COVID-19 (corona virus) pandemic, face masks are encouraged to be worn while in the bowling center, except while on the approach or eating/drinking.

22. Bowler's Area: Individuals not bowling on the league or children will not be allowed in the bowler's area.

23. For rules not covered herein, the league will abide by the rules of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

24. These League rules will be held by the league Secretary and the bowling center. A copy of these rules can also be obtained on HUSBC's website (<http://husbc.com/index.php/league>).